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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)
David L. Latimer et al.) Group Art Unit: 2876
Serial No.: 09/976,839) Examiner: Allyson N. Sanders
Filed: October 12, 2001)
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
TRAINING AND MONITORING DATA)
READER OPERATORS)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In further response to the Office Actions dated December 23, 2003, please amend the application as in the following.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks commence on page 23 of this paper.

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label, an electronic tag may be read from any direction, even if the electronic tag is inside the item. Nonetheless, the presence of the tag may be monitored, and by the claimed steps provide feedback of operating technique pertaining to how the operator moves the item through the detection volume.

V. Conclusion

It is submitted that Claims 1-29, 31-53, 56-60, and 81-86 are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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